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Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554

To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit a request for waiver of the competitive bidding requirement related to the FCC Form 470 for the 2016-17 funding year. As you know this was the first year using the new EPC portal. Things were a little confusing for the first-time user. The information concerning the appeal is as follows:

The Billed entity is 144185, Fairfield Suisun Unified School District

Service Provider: AMS.NET, Inc The 470 number is 160006544

The 471 application number is 161015219

The funding request number that has been denied is 1699058984

Rescinded amount \$34,126.46

The Billed entity is 144185, Fairfield Suisun Unified School District

Service Provider: NWN Corporation- Raleigh

The 470 number is 160006544

The 471 application number is 161015219

The funding request number that has been denied is 1699051962

Rescinded amount \$196.70

Both of the FRN's were denied due to the fact that the basic maintenance category of service box was inadvertently not checked on the 470 application. We would like to request a waiver of this rule for two reasons:

- 1. The confusion using the new EPC. It was not clear that Basic Maintenance was omitted until it was too late.
- 2. There was a Request For Proposal uploaded in the EPC system which asked for the basic maintenance of all equipment. At the time the 470 application was filed we did not know for sure what product would be selected and or who would be the winner of the RFP. The basic maintenance we are requesting is for NEW equipment. So only the bidders that responded to the Request For Proposal and won could have provided the one year basic maintenance support.

We are asking for a waiver of the codified FCC rule to check the basic maintenance category of service box on the Form 470 since we had uploaded into the EPC system the RFP which requested basic maintenance. We believe we held a fair and competitive bidding process and selected the winner based on their RFP response. We do not believe there could have been any additional service providers that would have bid if the basic maintenance of service box had been checked since they would have no idea what equipment would be selected.

Regards,

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